Patriotic Pride Written By Kinsey Erickson

As the brave men and women of our country head out on a difficult, life-risking task, they have no regrets. They leave their homes and their families in an effort to protect them and countless others. They are willing to give up everything just for us to be safe. And so, we owe them everything in the world. But we cannot give them what they deserve. So let's at least band together and give them our gratitude.

At first we don't recognize everything they are doing for us, so let's try to now. We wouldn't be able to walk through our streets without fear of being captured or killed if it weren't for them. We wouldn't all be able to have our rights if the troops hadn't fought for our freedom. We wouldn't be able to do anything we do today without having the troops defending us.

Not only that, but the troops also protect and help rebuild other countries. After a natural disaster or countless deaths, the troops of America head out to rebuild the towns, and reassure the citizens. Even if the troops have no personal reason to do so, the troops still go into dangerous lands so others will feel as protected as us. So the troops aren't just making our lives possible they're making the world better too.

Imagine leaving your home with only the clothes on your back and your memories. For many years, not being able to laugh with your friends, or hug the ones you love. And on top of all of that, they risk never being able to go back to those lives again. Many honorable people do this every day while others don't even consider.

So I have just one thing to tell you all. Thank you for everything you do.

I wrote a small poem in your honor. Please enjoy.

The troops work hard so we can live,
The troops try hard and give all they can give.
Through smog and fire, the troops march on
With heart and desire, they work for a better dawn.
The dawn of a new world, this world made of peace
The world folding together with a strong crease
This is our future, this is our fate
May the troops lead the world together, so we'll not be late